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PATERNOSTER ROW;  
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"OFFICE, HONGKONG."

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F. W. MITCHELL,  
*Postmaster General*

General Post-Office,  
Hongkong, 2nd April, 1872.



## Extracts.

## THE DEEP SEA FISHING.

Up with the flag, white, purple, and red.  
Flutter they out from the tall mast head.  
The broad beam will be brightly spread,  
For every child and every man to see.  
Though windy winds wait wearily,  
Though the great waves crash on the rocky shore,  
Through the curious foam on the sand lies low,  
And over the reef where the breakers roar,  
The sea-farers' wailing drearily,  
The mother's child her children pray  
For him who sails for them far away;  
The widow shrinks from the light of day,  
And shudders at cheering words they say.  
For daily the storm clouds gather,  
And her old body has gone with the rest,  
Where the long lines toss on the billow's crest,  
Over the pitiless sea whose "wandering" breast  
Long years since took her father.

Up with the flag while the sun is set,  
Labour and danger must needs be met,  
For fire and brand are alike to be met,  
Better than hunger, or cold, or death.  
The squall off the wild waves sweeping,  
Up with the flag and away to the goal,  
Where for the fog-fish the blue sea rolls,  
Where the doughty dart round the heaving shoal.

And the skate and the cod are leaping,  
Up with the flag, there is money to make,  
Where the sun lies in the fierce north-eastern  
shrike.  
Look to your tackle, away, for the sake  
Of the much at home, who will watch and  
wake.  
In the town 'neath the tall cliffs lying,  
God speed the brave hearts on their toil afar,  
Till their boats come home 'neath the evening  
star.  
Till their boats come home 'neath the evening  
star,  
Where the crimson flag is flying.  
—All the Year Round.

## IRISH LOYALTY.

Amidst their malices, their confident  
boastings and imperious performances, the  
Irish have shown themselves at all times  
and in all places, capable of the most loyal  
devotion to anyone who will lead and com-  
mand them. They have not been specially  
attached to chiefs of their own race.  
Wherever and in whomsoever they have  
found courage and capacity, they have been  
ready with heart and hand to give their  
services, and as soldiers in the ranks of  
their lives for their chiefs, or as soldiers in  
the French or English armies, or as we now  
know them in the form of the modern police,  
there is no duty, however dangerous and  
difficult, from which they have been found  
to flinch, no temptation however cruel which  
tempts them to unfaithfulness. Loyalty of  
this kind, though called contemptuously a  
virtue of barbarism, is a virtue which, if  
civilisation ceases to dispense with it, may  
come in its absence the ruin of civilisation.  
—From Frazer's "English in Ireland."

## LIFE IN THE SUGAR BOWL.

As an article of food (says Professor Can-  
non, of Dublin) a sample of the sugar  
on the subject of the "Sugar Bowl" (in  
1803), sugar unquestionably demands the  
careful consideration of every one. In my  
capacity of public analyst, I have had occa-  
sion to examine more or less minutely, near-  
ly one hundred and fifty specimens of sugar,  
in quality varying from the purest white to  
the darkest brown. The greater number of  
these samples were perfectly genuine; some  
were of rather indifferent quality, and the  
rest, about 15, were so impure as to be quite  
unfit for use; they abounded in organic life,  
and contained great numbers of disgusting  
insects. All the samples of inferior sugar  
were of the kind known as raw, and in no  
instance did I detect in the refined article  
the slightest trace of any substance injurious  
to the health or repugnant to the feelings.  
Dr. Hassall, who was the first to notice the  
general occurrence of earth in raw sugar  
sold in London, found them in a living state  
in no fewer than 61 out of 72 samples. The  
results of my examination of the sugar coin-  
cided pretty closely with Dr. Hassall's ex-  
periences. One of the samples which I ex-  
amined contained a larger number of insects  
than I believe had previously been noticed,  
or at least recorded, by any other observer.  
In 10 grains weight of refined sugar, not  
less than 500, most of which were so large as  
to be distinctly visible to the naked eye. It  
is no exaggeration to affirm that there cannot  
be less than 100,000 of these insects in every  
pound of this sugar. The assertion (as in-  
serted in the newspapers) that one pound of  
raw sugar contained 100,000 active insects  
must not doubt have appeared incredible to  
some people; but that I was not guilty of  
exaggerating the number, was proved by the  
results of other observers. A committee of  
microscopists, composed of Drs. Aldridge,  
Minchin, Symes, and Booth, and Mr.  
Reynolds, satisfied themselves that my ac-  
count of it was, in every respect, an accurate  
one. It is inconceivable that thousands of  
these creatures can be introduced into the  
stomach of a human being without serious  
endangerment to health.—Food, Water, and Air.

## THE BIRTH OF AN ICEBERG.

It would be impossible, with mere words,  
alone to convey any adequate idea of the  
action of this new-born child of the Arctic  
frosts. Think of a solid lump of ice, a third  
of a mile deep, and more than half a mile in  
lateral diameter, buried, like a molar, away  
into the water, and set to rolling to and fro  
by the impetus of the sea as it were nature's  
most football; now down one side, until the  
huge bulk was nearly exposed; and now up  
again, then down the other side, and so on,  
up and down, and down and up, swishing to  
and fro for hours before it comes finally to  
rest. Picture this, and you will have an  
image of power not to be seen by the action  
of any other force upon the earth. The dis-  
turbance of the water was inconceivably fast.  
Waves of enormous magnitude were rolled  
up with great violence against the glacier,  
covering it with spray; billows came tearing  
down the flood, their progress marked by the  
cracking and crumbling ice, which was  
everywhere in a state of wildest agitation for  
the space of several miles. Over the smaller  
icebergs the water broke completely, as if a  
tempest were piling up the seas, and heaving  
them fiercely against the shore. Then, to  
add still further to the commotion thus occa-  
sioned, the great, wallowing icebergs, which  
was the cause of it all, was dropping frag-  
ments from its sides with such oscillation  
the reports of the rupture reaching the ear  
above the general din and clamor. Other  
bergs were set in motion by the waves;  
and these also dropped pieces from their  
sides; and at last, as if it were the grand  
finale of the piece, the clash of cymbals,  
and the big bass drum, the clash of cymbals,  
orchestra, a monstrous mass of nature's grand  
of the fabled ship in two; and above the  
sound of breaking waters and falling ice,  
this last disruption filled the air with a peal  
that rang among the bergs and crags, and  
echoing from hill to hill died away only in  
the void, beyond the mountain top; while  
the noisy tune, the icebergs of the world  
danced their wild, ungainly dance upon the  
waters. It was many hours before this state  
of wild unrest was succeeded by the calm  
which had preceded the commencement of  
it; and when, at length, the icebergs that had  
been born came quietly to rest, and the other  
icebergs had ceased their dance upon the  
troubled sea, and the waves had ceased their  
howling, it seemed to me, that, in beholding  
this birth of an iceberg, I had beheld one of  
the most sublime exhibitions of the great  
force of nature. It was, in truth, a con-  
solation.—From Dr. Hay's Land of Desolation.

## DICKENS' EARLY INCLINATION FOR THE STAGE.

Are we to have that play? I have I spoken  
of it since I came home from London, as  
a settled thing! I do not know if I have  
ever told you seriously, but I have often  
thought that I should certainly have been  
successful on the boards as I have been  
between them. I assure you when I was on  
the stage at Montreal, (not having played for  
years), I was as much astonished at the reality  
and ease, to myself, of what I did as if I  
had been another man. See how odd things  
come about! When I was about twenty,  
and knew three or four successive years of  
Matthew's "At Homes," from sitting in the  
pit to hear them. I wrote to Bartley, who  
was stage manager at Covent Garden, and  
told him how young I was and exactly what  
I thought I could do; and that I believed  
that I had a strong perception of character  
and oddity, and a natural power of repre-  
senting in my person what I observed in  
others. There must have been something  
in the letter that struck the authorities, for  
Bartley wrote to me, almost immediately, to  
say that they were busy getting up the  
"Hunchback," (so they were), but that they  
would communicate with me again in a fort-  
night. Punctual to the time, another letter  
came, with an appointment to do nothing  
of Matthew's I pleased, before him and  
Charles Kemble, on a certain day at the  
theatre. My sister Fanny was in the secret,  
and was to go with me to play the songs. I  
was laid up when the day came with a ter-  
rible bad cold, and an inflammation of the face  
—the beginning, by the by, of that annoy-  
ance in one ear to which I am subject at this  
day. I wrote to say so, and added that I  
would resume my application next season. I  
made a great splash in the gallery, so that  
Matthew's friends opened to me, I had a  
distinction in the little world of the news-  
paper, which made me like it; began to  
write; didn't want money; had never thought  
of the stage, but as a means of getting it,  
gradually left off turning my thoughts that  
way, and never resumed the idea. I never  
told you this, did I? See how near I may  
have been to another sort of life. This was  
the time when I was at Doctors Commons  
as a short-hand writer for the proctors. And  
I recollect I wrote the letter from a little  
office I had there, where the answer came  
also. It wasn't a very good living, though  
not a very bad one, and was nearly uncer-  
tain, quite a business-like way. I went to some  
theatre every night, with a very few excep-  
tions for the last three years, really studying  
the hills first, and going to where there was  
the best acting, and always to see Matthews  
whenever he played. I practiced intensely  
(even such things as walking in and out,  
and sitting down in a chair) often four, five, six  
hours a day, shut up in my own room, or  
walking about in the fields. I prescribed to  
myself, too, a sort of Hamiltonian system for  
learning parts, and learnt a great number.  
I haven't even lost the habit now, for I know  
my Canadian parts' immediately, though  
they were new to me. I must have done a  
good deal; for, just as Macready found me  
out; they used to oblige me at Brahm's,  
and Yates, who was knowing enough in those  
things, wasn't to be parried at all. It was  
just the same that day at Keeley's when  
they were getting up the *Chuzzlewit* last June.  
—From the Life of Dickens by John Forster.

## Insurances.

## VICTORIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HONGKONG, LIMITED.

THIS Company, with its Head-Office at  
Hong Kong, and Agencies at the various  
Ports in China and Japan, is prepared  
to issue Policies of Insurance, at the current  
rates of Premium at the respective places.  
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,  
Secretaries.

557 Hongkong, 1st April, 1879.

## IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM this date until further notice, a  
Return of Twenty per cent. (20%) will be  
made on the Premiums charged on all Insur-  
ances effected with this Office; such Return  
being payable on the issue of the Policy.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company,  
1158 Hongkong, 24th June, 1879.

## THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

CAPITAL—Two Million Sterling.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Company at this  
Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire,  
on Buildings or on Goods stored therein.

NORTON, LYALL & Co.,  
Agents, 241 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1879.

## NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM and after this date the following rates  
will be charged on SHORT PERIOD  
Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding 1 month, 1 do. do.  
Above 1 month, and not exceeding 3 months, 6 do. do.  
Above 3 months, and not exceeding 6 months, 10 do. do.  
Above 6 months, and not exceeding 12 months, 15 do. do.

On and after this date, a discount of 20 per  
cent. of the above rates will be allowed to In-  
surers.

GILMAN & Co., Agents,  
North British and Mercantile Insurance Company,  
117 Hongkong, 24th June, 1879.

## CHINA AND JAPAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE ATTENTION OF SHIPPERS is called  
to the fact that the Company, established in 1862,  
which, after payment of interest, will now be  
divided amongst all Contributors of business,  
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to  
the amount of Net Premium contributed.

WM. PASTAN, Agents,  
1663 Hongkong, 9th April, 1879.

## THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER.  
HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE FIRST.  
A.D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Corporation, are  
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Policies at current rates, payable either here  
in London, or at the principal Ports of India,  
China, and Australia.

Policies issued for long or short periods at  
current rates.

A discount of 20% allowed.

LIFE DEPARTMENT.  
Policies issued for sums not exceeding 25,000,  
on reasonable terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,  
1133 Hongkong, 26th July, 1879.

## CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

IN conformity with the Special Resolutions  
adopted and confirmed at the Extraor-  
dinary Meeting of Shareholders held on the  
13th and 14th instants, altering Clause No. 130  
of the Memorandum of Association, and Clause  
No. 131 of the Articles of Association, to take effect  
from 1st January, 1879, the Net Profits of the  
Company will, from that date, be distributed as  
follows, viz:—

Two-thirds (2/3) to all contributors, whether  
shareholders or not, in proportion to the  
net amount of premium contributed by each.

One-third (1/3) to be carried to the Reserve  
Fund.

One-third (1/3) to be carried to the Reserve  
Fund, according to the number of shares held by each.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,  
General Agents,  
1114 Hongkong, 16th February, 1879.

## Insurances.

## QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM and after this date, and until further  
notice, a Discount of Twenty per cent. (20%)  
upon current local rates of Premium, will be  
returned on Insurances against Fire, effected  
with this Office.

NORTON, LYALL & Co.,  
Agents.

1174 25th June, 1879.

## LIVERPOOL AND GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM this date, until further notice, a dis-  
count of Twenty per cent. (20%) upon the  
current local rate of premium will be allowed  
upon Insurances effected with this Company.

DOUGLAS LAFFRAIK & Co.,  
Agents.

1113 Hongkong, 27th June, 1879.

## MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed  
Agents for the above Company at Hong-  
kong, Canton, Fouchow, Shanghai, and Han-  
kow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at  
Current Rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,  
1158 Hongkong, 15th October, 1868.

## LONDON AND ORIENTAL STRAM TRANSIT INSURANCE OFFICE.

137, LEADENHALL STREET, LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1843.

THE Undersigned is authorized to accept  
risk on behalf of this Office, by First  
Class Steamers and Sailing Ships.

A. McIVER, Agent,  
11 Hongkong, 1st July, 1867.

## IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed  
Agents for the above Company at this Port,  
are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to  
the extent of \$50,000 on Buildings, or on Goods  
stored therein.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
11 Hongkong, 24th August, 1864.

## PHENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM this date, until further notice, a dis-  
count of Twenty per cent. (20%) upon the  
current local rates of premium will be allowed  
upon Insurances effected with this Company.

DOUGLAS LAFFRAIK & Co.,  
Agents.

1113 Hongkong, 27th June, 1879.

## LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents in Hongkong for the above Com-  
pany, are prepared to grant Marine risks at  
current rates.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,  
117 Hongkong, 8th March, 1869.

## THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE following rates will be charged in future  
for SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—  
Not exceeding 10 days, 1 do. do.  
Not exceeding 1 month, 1 do. do.  
Above 1 month, and not exceeding 3 months, 6 do. do.  
Above 3 months, and not exceeding 6 months, 10 do. do.  
Above 6 months, and not exceeding 12 months, 15 do. do.

NORTON, LYALL & Co.,  
Agents, 241 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1879.

## YANGTZE RIVER INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS 755,000 TAELS.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all  
parts of the World, at current rates.  
This Association will, until further notice,  
provide out of the surplus of the Association  
a dividend of 15% for shareholders on Capital,  
and thereafter distribute amongst Policy holders  
annually, in cash, ALL the profits of the  
Underwriting Business, pro rata to amount of  
premium contributed.

RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents.

1089 Hongkong, 9th July, 1872.

## IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.  
UNTIL further notice the following Annual  
Rates will be charged for Fire Insurance, viz:—

Detached and semi-detached Dwell-  
ing Houses removed from town, and their contents, 1 per cent.

Other detached Houses, used strictly  
as such, and their contents, 1 per cent.

Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and  
their contents, 1 per cent.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company,  
1158 Hongkong, 24th June, 1879.

## TRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Company at this  
Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire,  
on Buildings or on Goods stored therein.

NORTON, LYALL & Co.,  
Agents, 241 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1879.

## THE GLOBE MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, LONDON.

THE OOSTERLING SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF BATAVIA.

THE ATTENTION OF SHIPPERS is called to the  
low rates of Premiums charged by the  
Undersigned Agents of the above Companies,  
for all steamers risks, subject to a brokerage of  
15 per cent.

The "Oosterling" as well as the "Globe,"  
after paying the Shareholders a dividend of 10  
per cent. on their paid-up Capital, distribute 25  
per cent. of the surplus of the profits pro rata  
amongst such of the Insurers as have paid  
during the year 2500 and upwards in premium.  
Particulars can be obtained at the Office of  
the Agents.

SIEMSEN & Co.,  
Agents.

40 Hongkong, 16th October, 1872.

## BATAVIA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are now prepared to grant,  
on behalf of the above Company, Policies  
against Fire on First-class Buildings, to an ex-  
tent of \$10,000.

A discount of Twenty per cent. (20%) upon  
the current local rates will be allowed on a  
premium charged for insurance; such discount  
being deducted at the time of the issue of the  
policy.

RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents.

15 Hongkong, 1st January, 1873.

## NOTICE.

FROM and after this date the following rates  
will be charged for SHORT PERIOD  
Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding 10 days, 1 do. do.  
Above 1 month, and not exceeding 3 months, 6 do. do.  
Above 3 months, and not exceeding 6 months, 10 do. do.  
Above 6 months, and not exceeding 12 months, 15 do. do.

On and after this date, a discount of 20 per  
cent. of the above rates will be allowed to In-  
surers.

GILMAN & Co., Agents,  
North British and Mercantile Insurance Company,  
117 Hongkong, 24th June, 1879.

## FOREIGN MEN-OF-WAR IN HARBOR.

NOTICE.

IN conformity with the Special Resolutions  
adopted and confirmed at the Extraor-  
dinary Meeting of Shareholders held on the  
13th and 14th instants, altering Clause No. 130  
of the Memorandum of Association, and Clause  
No. 131 of the Articles of Association, to take effect  
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net amount of premium contributed by each.

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Fund, according to the number of shares held by each.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,  
General Agents,  
1114 Hongkong, 17th April, 1879.

## Insurances.

## OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

INCORPORATED 1859.  
CAPITAL, \$1,000,000.

THE Undersigned being appointed  
Agents for the above Company, are pre-  
pared to accept Marine Risks and Issue Policies  
at current rates.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,  
1151 Hongkong, 7th June, 1867.

## THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.  
AGENTS at all the Treaty Ports of  
China and Japan, and at Singapore,  
Siam, and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance  
granted at the rates of Premium current at the  
above-mentioned Ports.  
No charge for Policy fees.

JAS. B. COUGHERIE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1871.

## NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.  
DETACHED and semi-detached Dwell-  
ing Houses, removed from town, and their con-  
tents, 1 per cent.

Other detached Houses, used strictly  
as such, and their contents, 1 per cent.

Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and  
their contents, 1 per cent.

On and after this date, a discount of 20 per  
cent. of the above rates will be allowed to In-  
surers.

GILMAN & Co.,  
Agents, North British and Mercantile  
Insurance Company,  
1168 Hongkong, 24th June, 1879.

## SHIPPING IN THE CANTON WATERS.

SWAMPERS.

Altona, Fire, Brit. str. 1147 Wm. Pastan & Co. San Francisco

Amazons, Fire, Swed. str. 1800 Messageries Maritimes

Aug. Leffer, Fire, Swed. str. 1800 F. Deceuninck

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